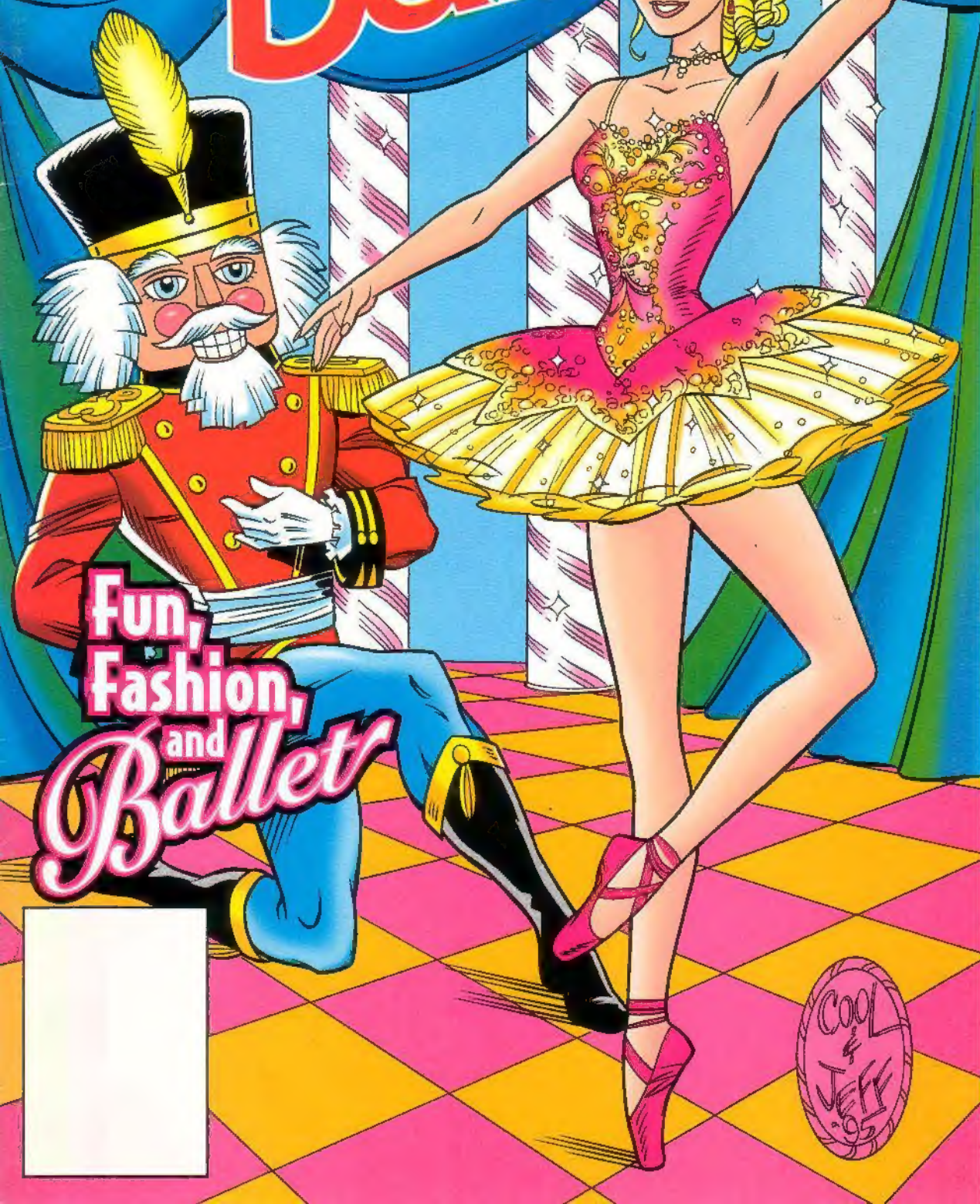


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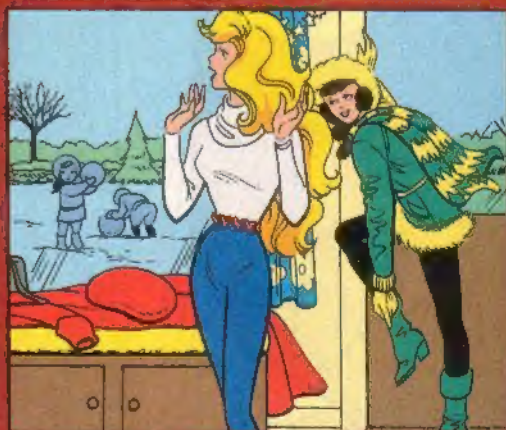
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Picture perfect
holiday!

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Nutcracker!

YOU LOOK
GREAT,
TERESA!

ACT 1

SCENE 1

LET ME
HELP!

THANKS,
BARBIE! I'LL LOOK
EVEN BETTER
WHEN I GET
MY "HEAD" ON
STRAIGHT!

EXIT

ACT 2
SCENE 1

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YOU'VE GOT THE POWER



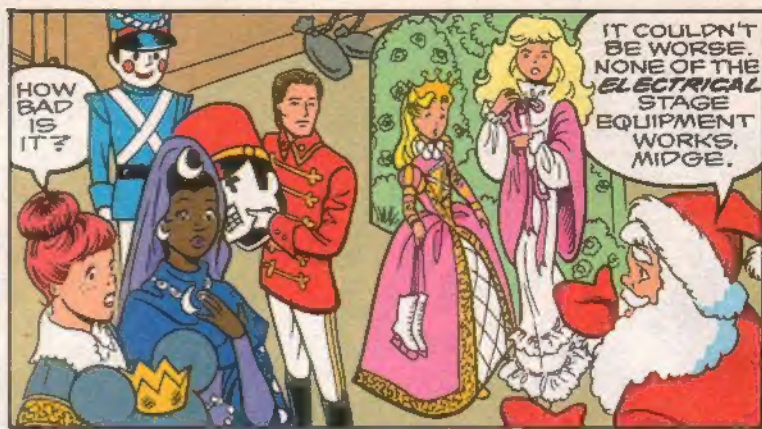
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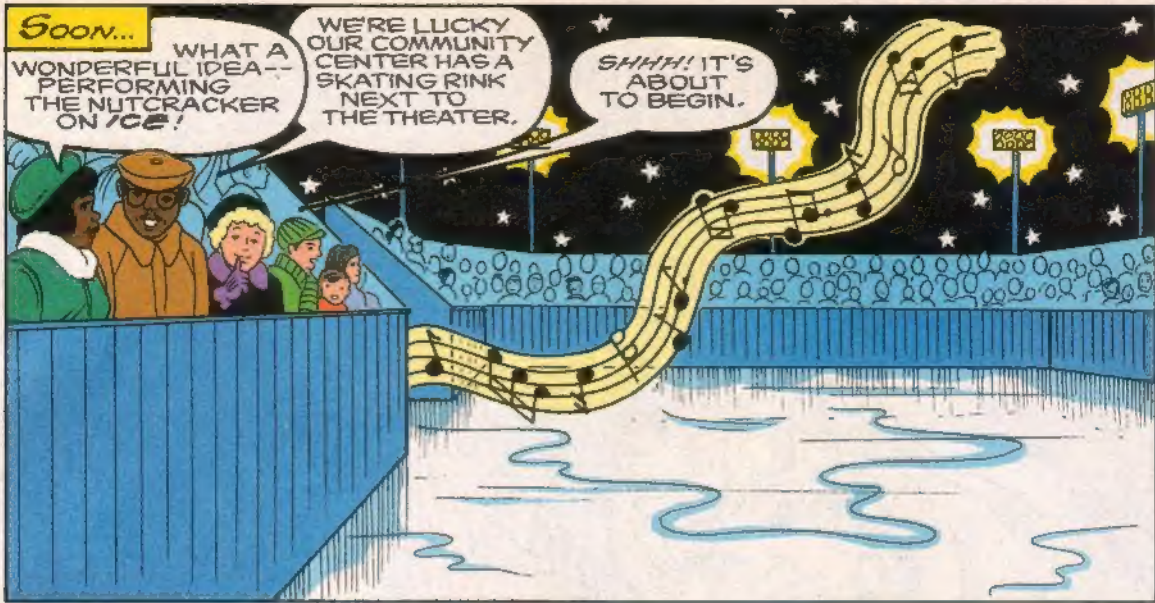
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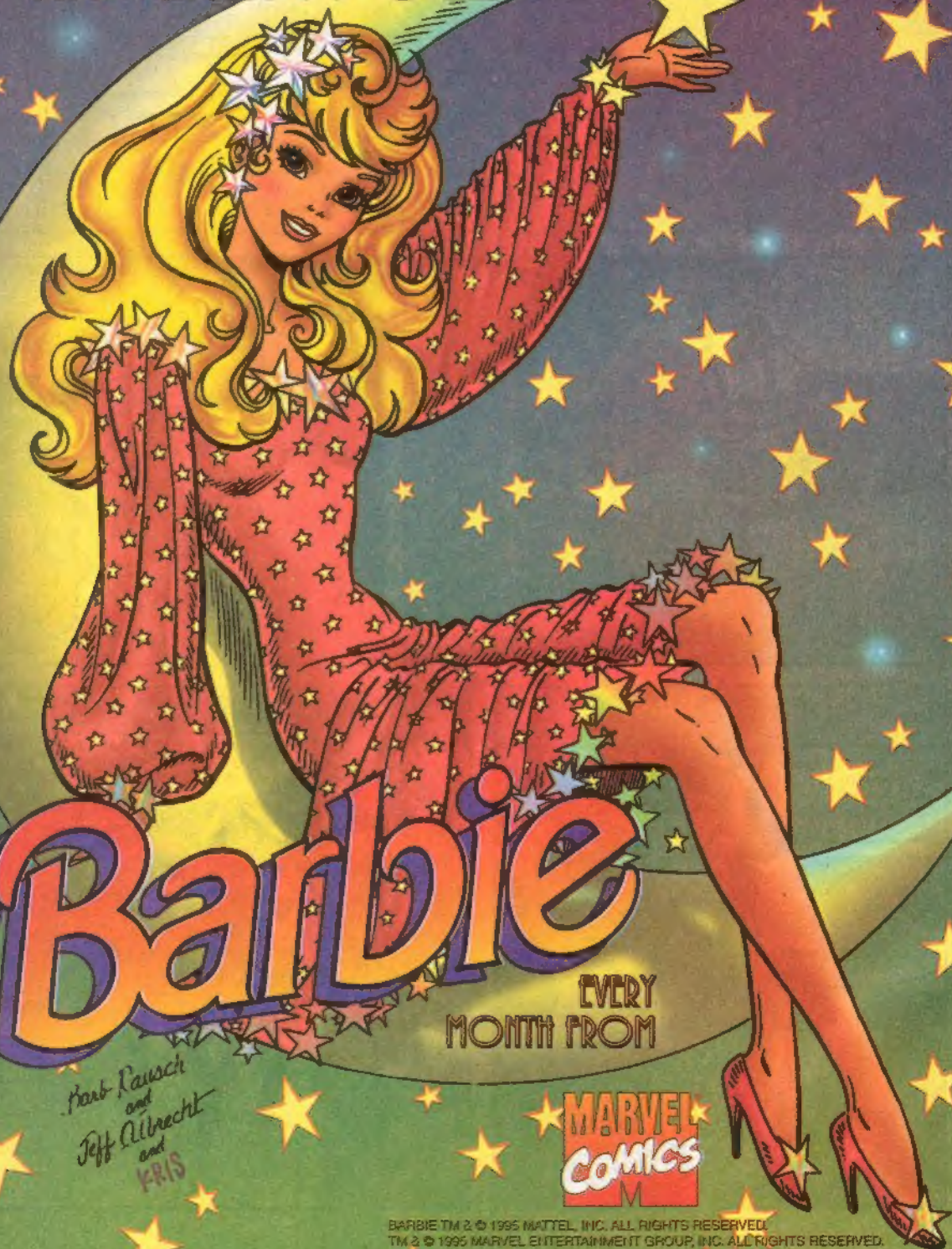


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"THE
NUTCRACKER
FOUGHT
BRAVELY,
BUT HE
WAS
OUTNUMBERED
BY THE
FEROCIOUS
MICE!"



"SUDDENLY,
THE
NUTCRACKER'S
WOODEN
SWORD SPLIT
IN TWO AND HE
WAS ATTACKED
BY THE
CRUELEST
MOUSE OF ALL!"



"MARIE WAS AFRAID FOR HER NUTCRACKER."



"I MUST HURRY
TO BED."

"TOMORROW
IS CHRISTMAS
DAY!"

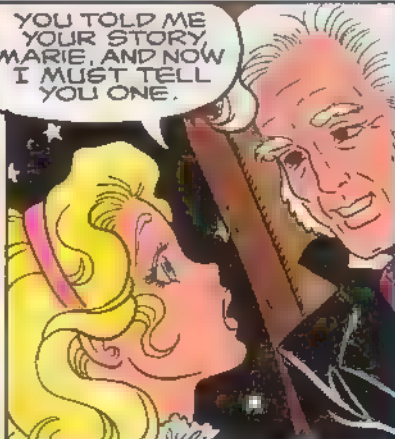


"THE
NEXT DAY,
MARIE'S
GODFATHER
VISITED.
SHE
TOLD HIM
WHAT
HAD
HAPPENED
THE
NIGHT
BEFORE."

"IT WAS A TERRIBLE
BATTLE,
GODFATHER."



"YOU TOLD ME
YOUR STORY,
MARIE, AND NOW
I MUST TELL
YOU ONE."



"AND
THIS
WAS
HIS
STORY..."

ACT II: MANY YEARS AGO, A QUEEN BANISHED ALL THE MICE FROM HER KINGDOM

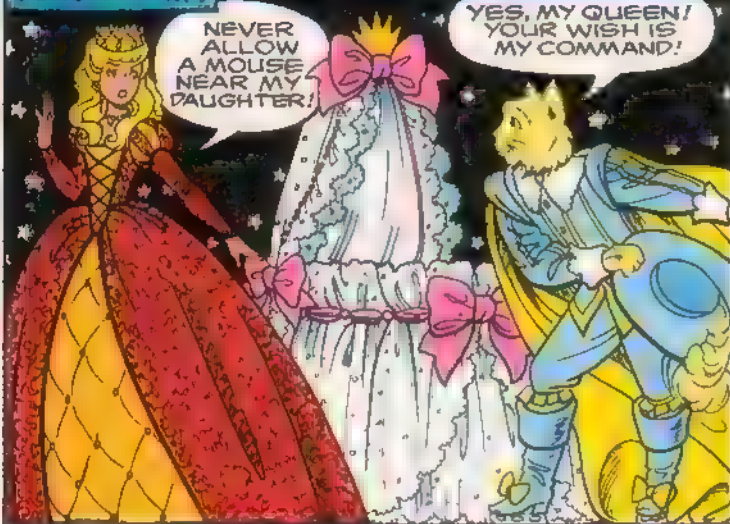


YOU ARE NEVER TO RETURN!

WE WILL HAVE REVENGE FOR I HAVE CAST A SPELL ON YOUR DAUGHTER!



"FROM THEN ON, CATS GUARDED THE PRINCESS CONSTANTLY."



NEVER ALLOW A MOUSE NEAR MY DAUGHTER!

YES, MY QUEEN! YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!

"BUT ONE DAY, THE PRINCESS'S FACE GREW POINTED AND FURRY. UNDER HER NOSE, LONG WHISKERS GREW."



MY BABY! SHE'S TURNED INTO A RAT!

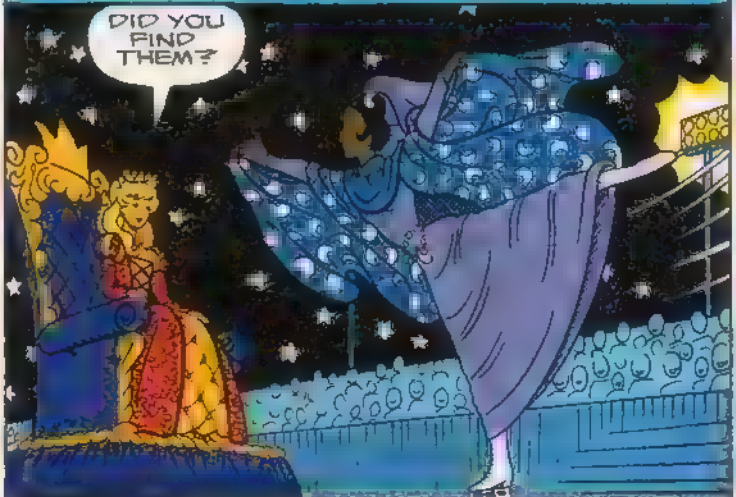
WHAT SHALL I DO?

"THE WISEST WOMAN IN THE KINGDOM TOLD THE QUEEN HOW TO CURE THE PRINCESS."



SHE MUST EAT A NUT FROM THE KRAKATUK TREE.

"FOR MANY YEARS, THE WISE WOMAN SEARCHED THE WORLD FOR A NUT AND A YOUNG MAN STRONG ENOUGH TO BITE ITS SHELL IN TWO."



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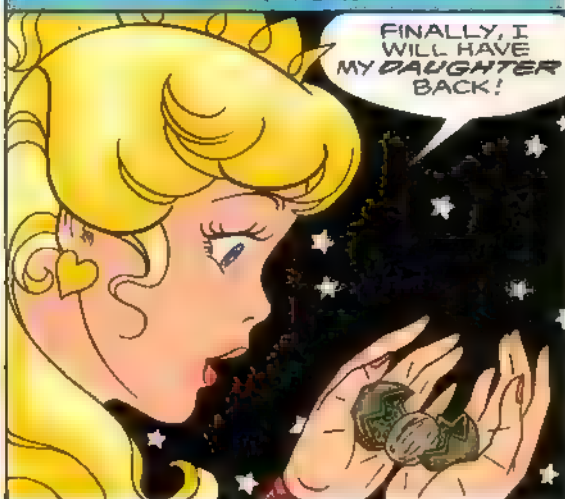
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"THE WISE WOMAN ANSWERED, "YES." THE CRACKED NUT WAS GIVEN TO THE QUEEN.



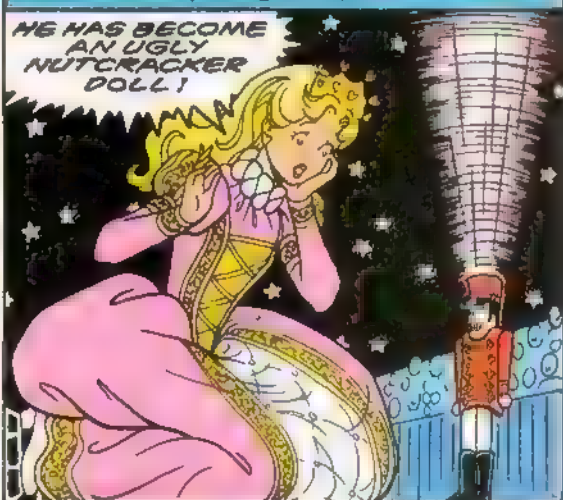
"THE UGLY PRINCESS ATE THE NUT..."



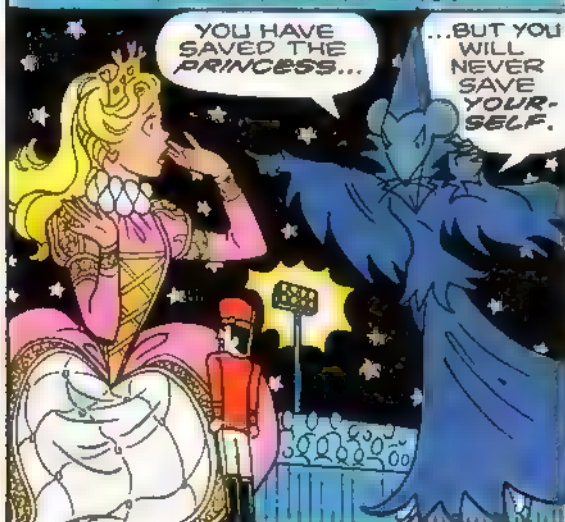
"...AND TURNED INTO A BEAUTIFUL GIRL!"



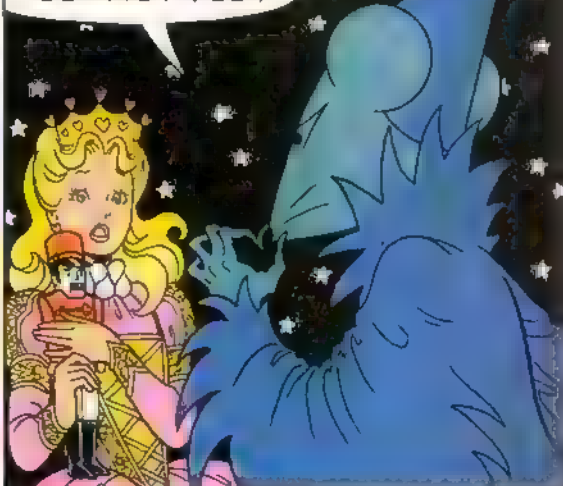
"BUT TO HER HORROR, THE YOUNG MAN'S FACE BECAME UGLY AND HE SHRANK AND SHRANK."



"SUDDENLY, THE MOUSE WITCH STEPPED OUT FROM THE SHADOWS!"

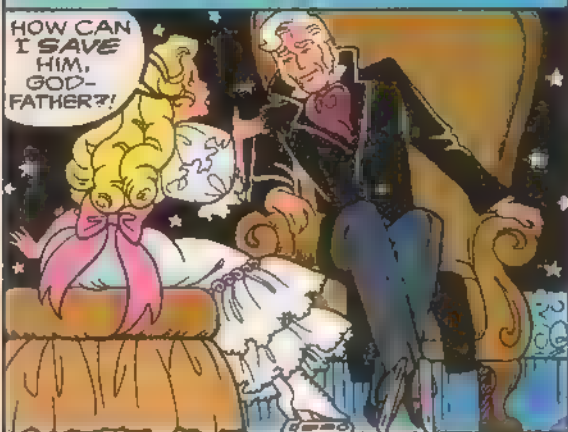


SOME DAY, NUTCRACKER, WE MICE WILL DESTROY YOU!

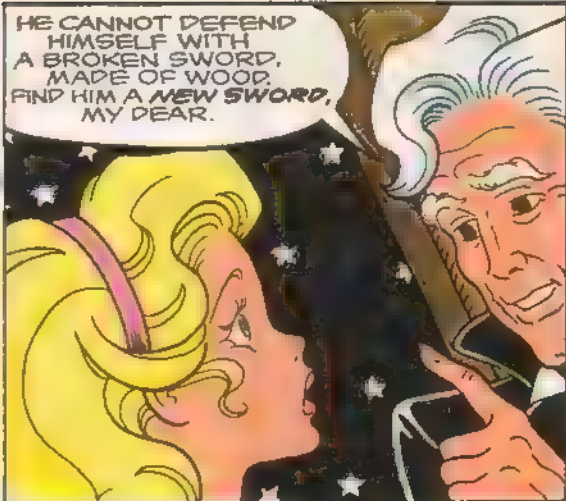


"ACT III - NOW MARIE UNDERSTOOD WHY THE MICE WANTED TO ATTACK HER NUTCRACKER."

HOW CAN I SAVE HIM, GOD-FATHER?!



HE CANNOT DEFEND HIMSELF WITH A BROKEN SWORD, MADE OF WOOD. FIND HIM A **NEW SWORD**, MY DEAR.



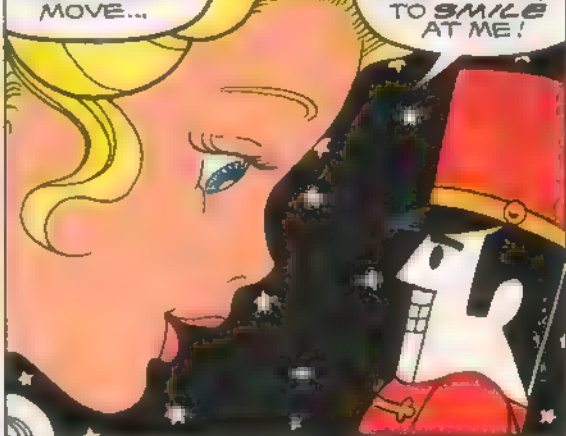
"MARIE TOOK A METAL SWORD FROM A TOY SOLDIER AND SLIPPED IT INTO THE NUTCRACKER'S HAND."

GOOD LUCK, NUTCRACKER



YOUR FACE IS WOODEN AND CANNOT MOVE...

...BUT I BELIEVE YOU ARE TRYING TO **SMILE** AT ME!



"THAT NIGHT, MARIE WAS AWAKENED BY A **FRIGHTENING** SOUND. SHE QUICKLY CREEPT DOWNSTAIRS. SHE SAW THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MOUSE KING IN A **STRUGGLE!**"



"WITH HIS STRONG METAL SWORD, THE NUTCRACKER **FELLED** THE MOUSE KING!"



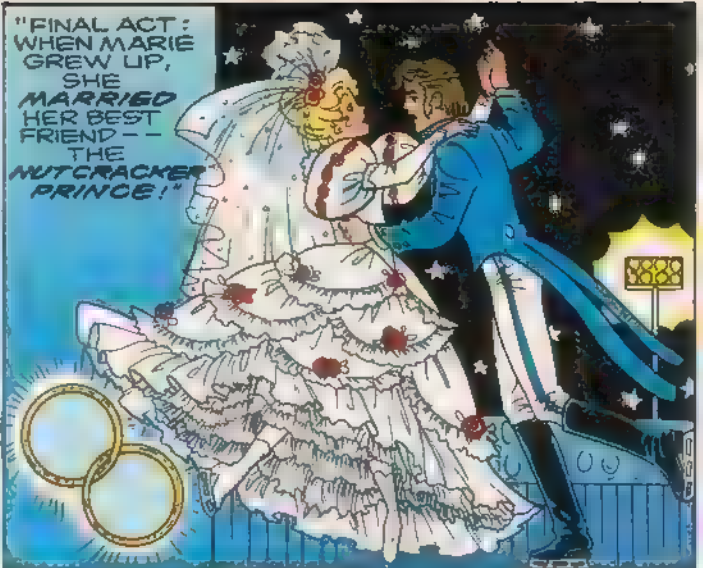
"BEFORE MARIE'S ASTONISHED EYES, THE NUTCRACKER DISAPPEARED AND A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN STOOD IN HIS PLACE!

THANK YOU, MARIE. YOU SAVED MY LIFE.

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO BE YOUR FRIEND, FOREVER.



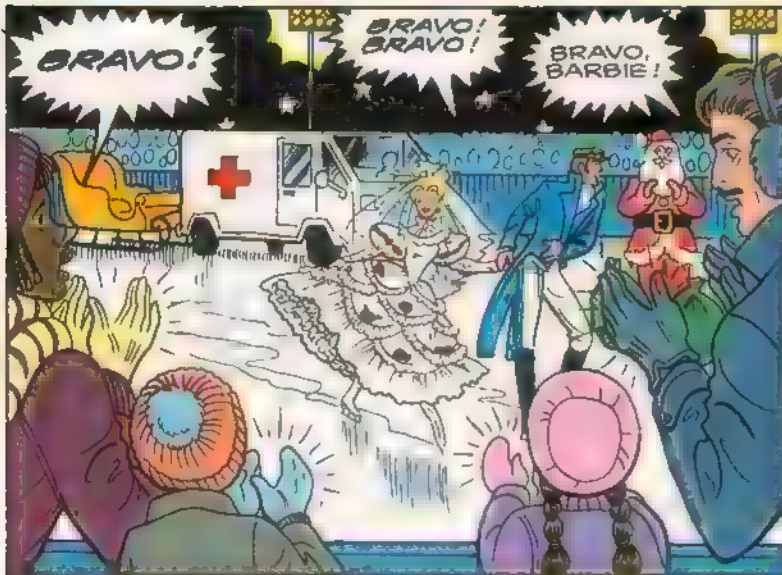
"FINAL ACT: WHEN MARIE GREW UP, SHE MARRIED HER BEST FRIEND -- THE NUTCRACKER PRINCE!"



BRAVO!

BRAVO! BRAVO!

BRAVO, BARBIE!



THANK YOU, EVERYONE! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS!



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!

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HO!

HO!



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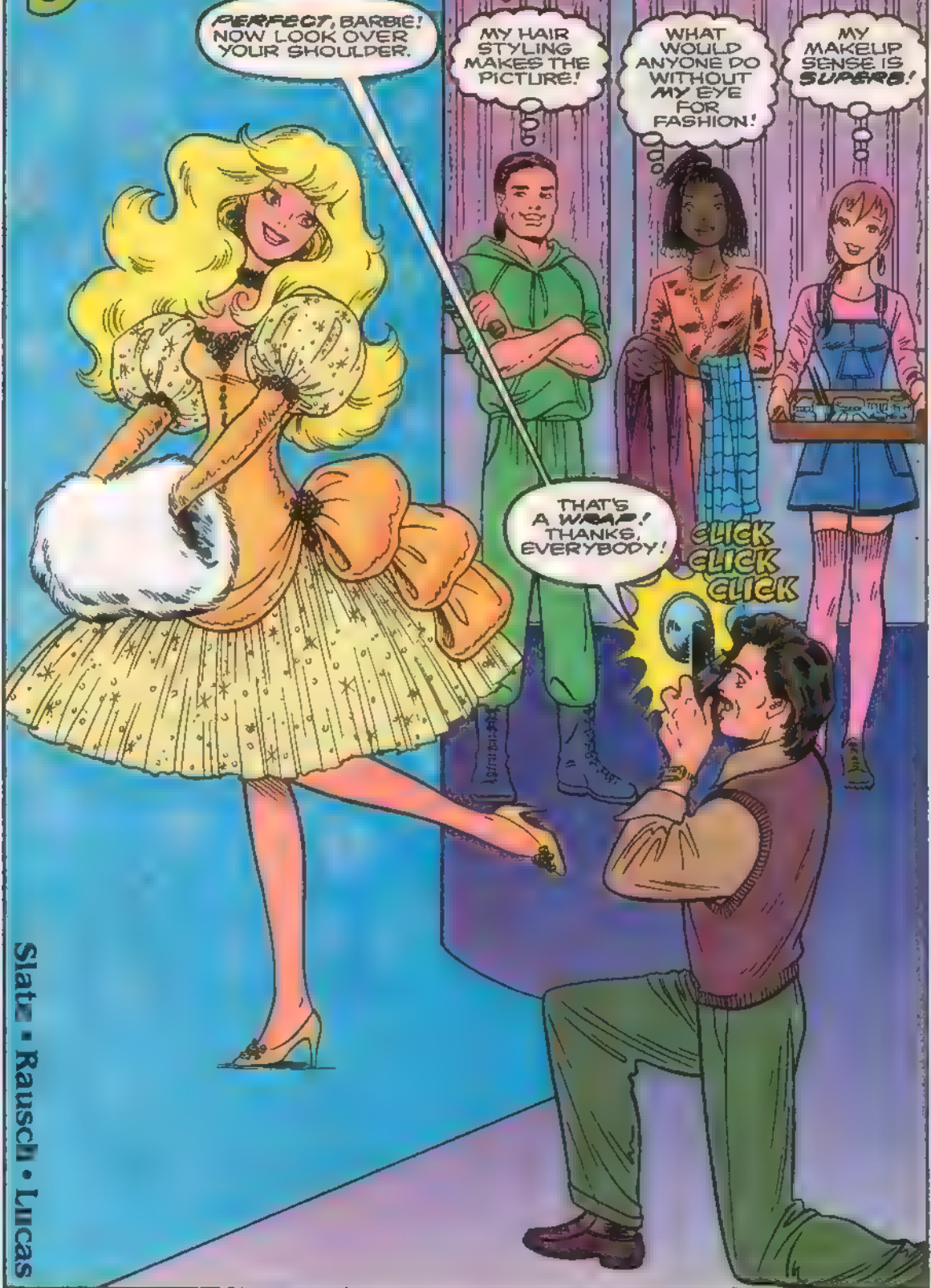
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NOW LOOK OVER
YOUR SHOULDER.

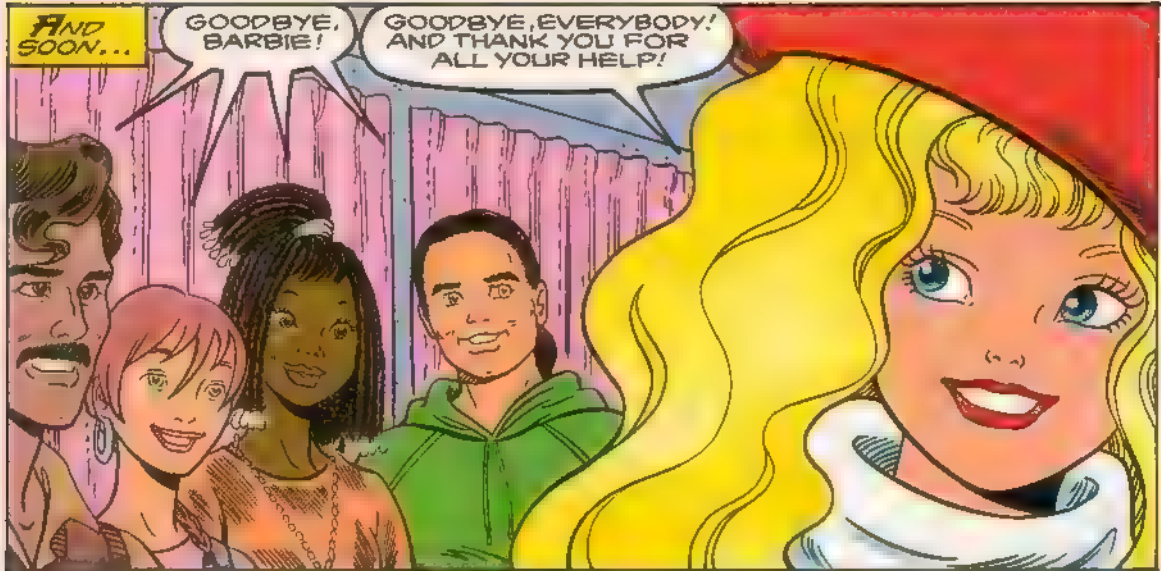
MY HAIR
STYLING
MAKES THE
PICTURE!

WHAT
WOULD
ANYONE DO
WITHOUT
MY EYE
FOR
FASHION!

MY
MAKEUP
SENSE IS
SUPERS!

THAT'S
A **WRAP!**
THANKS,
EVERYBODY!

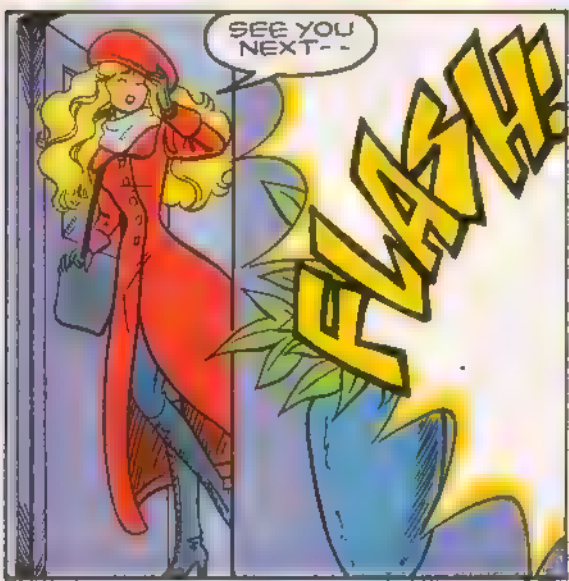
**CLICK
CLICK
CLICK**



END
SOON...

GOODBYE,
BARBIE!

GOODBYE, EVERYBODY!
AND THANK YOU FOR
ALL YOUR HELP!



SEE YOU
NEXT--

FLASH



PETER
PAPARRAZI!

HI, BARBIE!
NOW CAN YOU
SMILE, WAVE
HELLO...



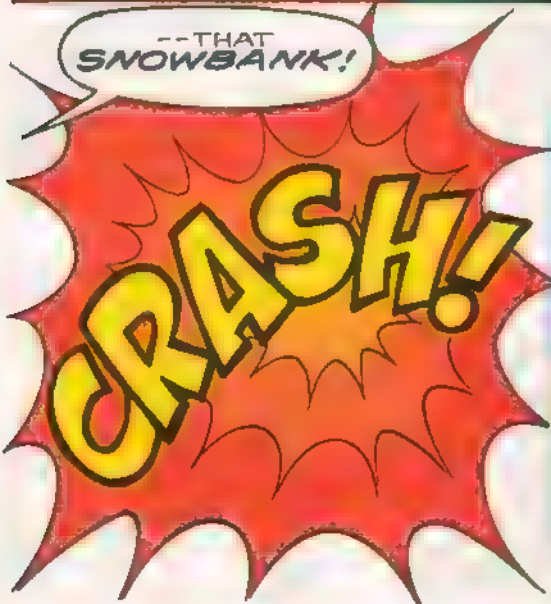
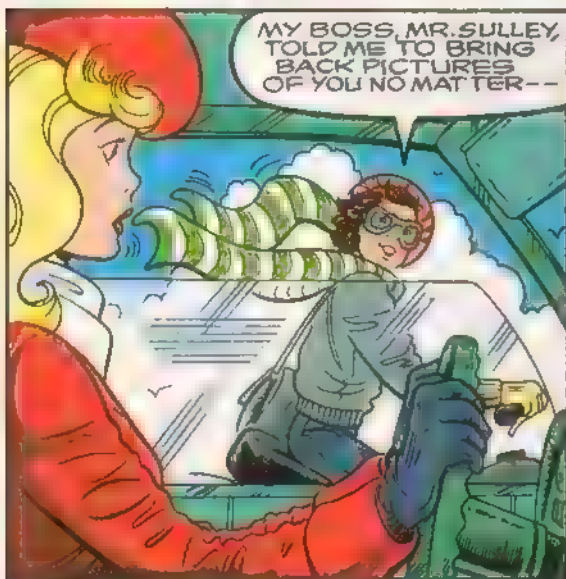
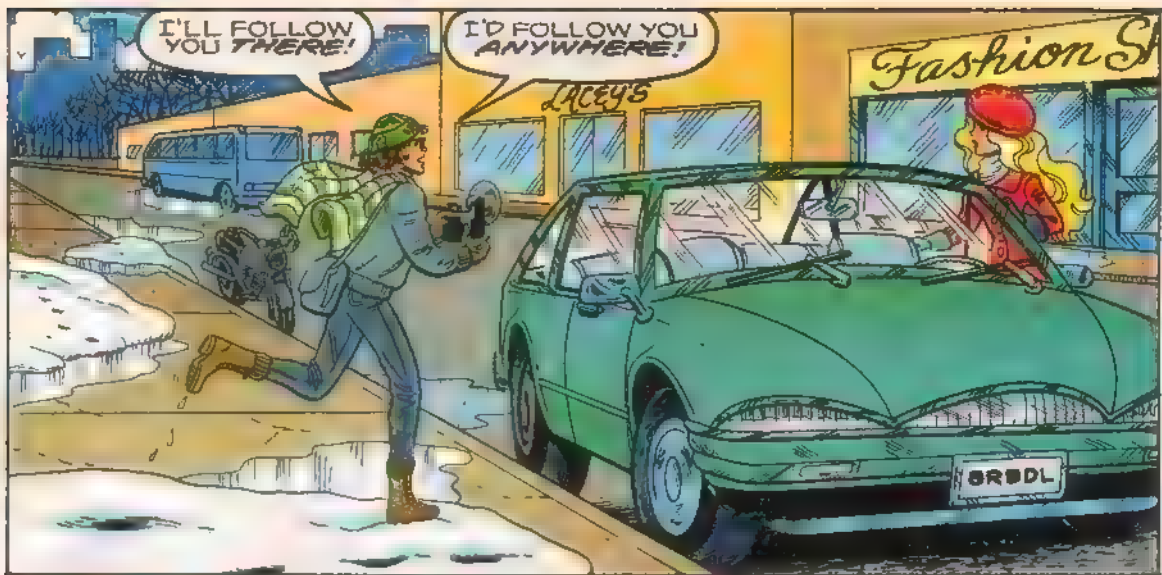
...AND THROW
KISSES
TO ALL
YOUR FANS!

SORRY,
PETER...



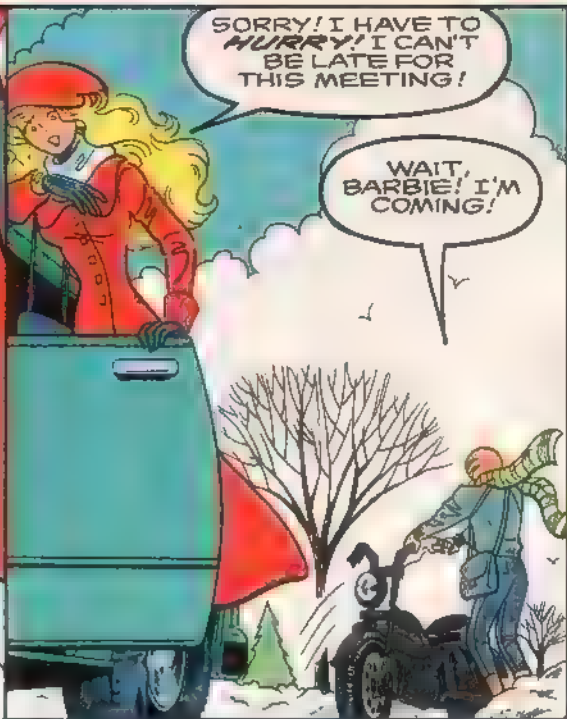
...BUT I'M IN
A *HURRY*!
I'M EXPECTED
AT A VERY
IMPORTANT
MEETING!

NO PROBLEM,
BARBIE!





BUT IF YOU'LL JUST SMILE FOR THE CAMERA, I'M SURE I'LL FEEL MUCH BETTER!



SORRY! I HAVE TO HURRY! I CAN'T BE LATE FOR THIS MEETING!

WAIT, BARBIE! I'M COMING!



AND SOON...

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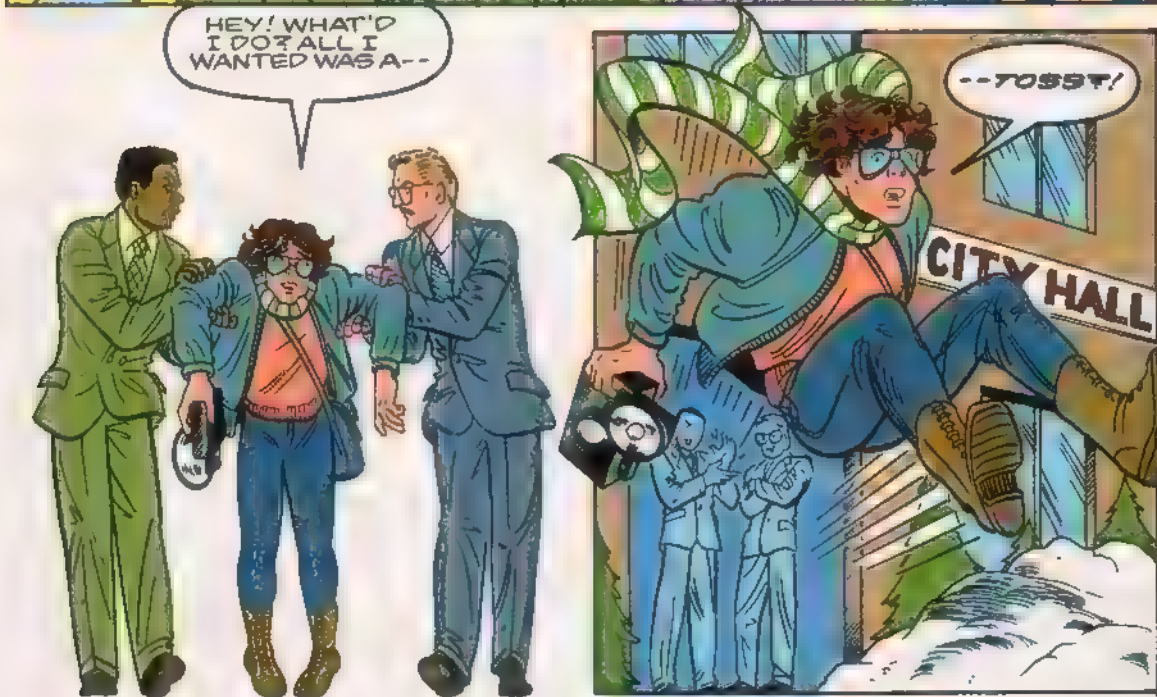
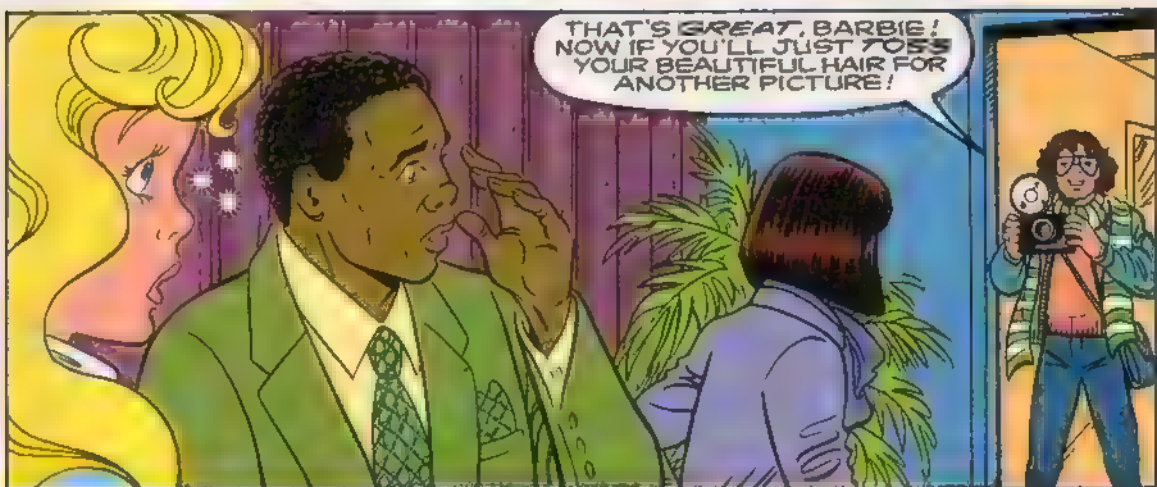
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BARBIE! I'M SO HAPPY YOU'VE COME FOR OUR HOLIDAY PARTY!

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HI, TERESA! I'M GLAD TO BE HERE!

IT'S BEEN A VERY BUSY DAY SO FAR, BUT I WOULDN'T MISS THIS SPECIAL DAY!

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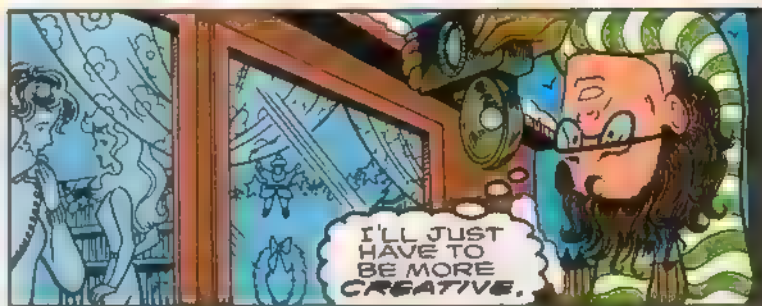
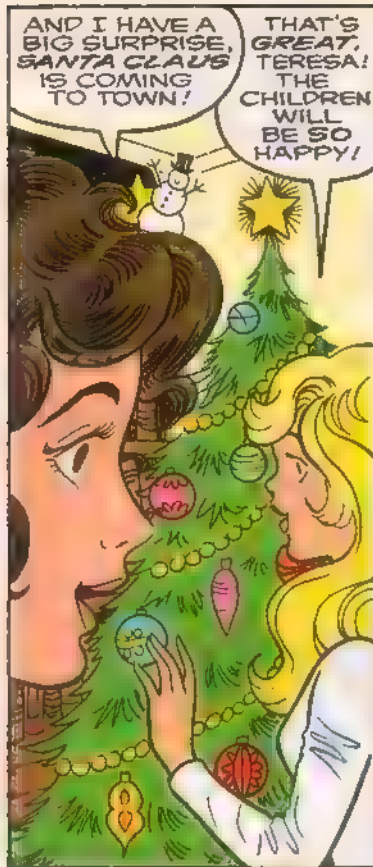
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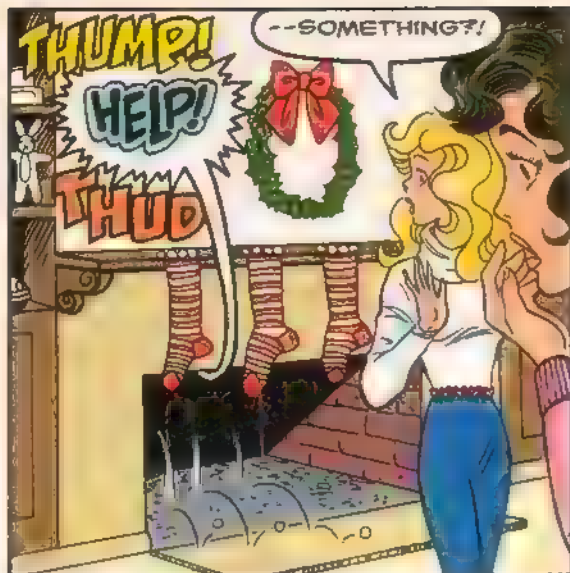
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AND SOON...



WHAT
A PERFECT
SANTA!

AND WE
THOUGHT OF IT
ALL BY OUR
ELVES!

HOLLO!

THANK
YOU,
SANTA!

OH, BOY!
A BIG BOX
OF CRAYONS!
JUST WHAT I
WANTED!

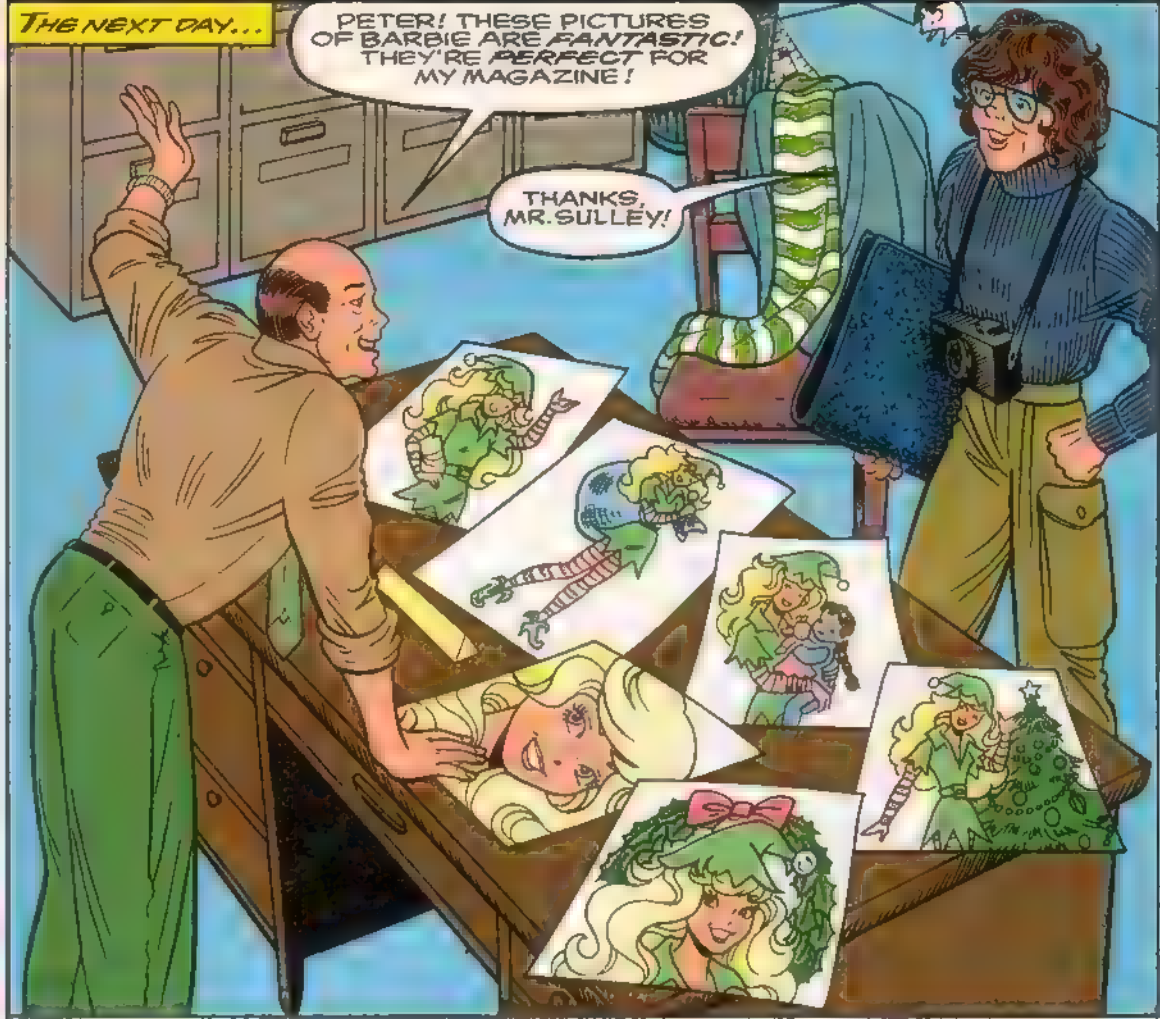
I'M SO
GLAD I'VE
BEEN A
GOOD GIRL
ALL YEAR
LONG!

WOW! A
TRAIN!

THE NEXT DAY...

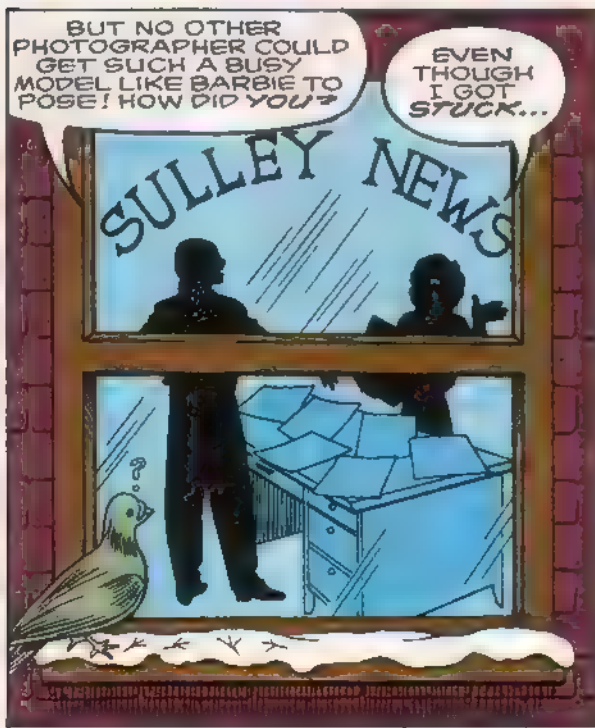
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THANKS, MR. SULLY!



BUT NO OTHER PHOTOGRAPHER COULD GET SUCH A BUSY MODEL LIKE BARBIE TO POSE! HOW DID YOU?

EVEN THOUGH I GOT STUCK...



...I JUST KEPT TRYING! HO HO HO!



Barbie™

IN

JAZZY JACKETS!

Wearing a jacket is a great way to accessorize a perfect outfit to make it complete and to keep warm in the cool winter months ahead. Barbie is simply stunning in these dynamic jacket designs sent to us by you — the BARBIE readers! We only have room here to print a few of the hundreds of fabulous fashions we've received. We hope you enjoy them as much as we do!

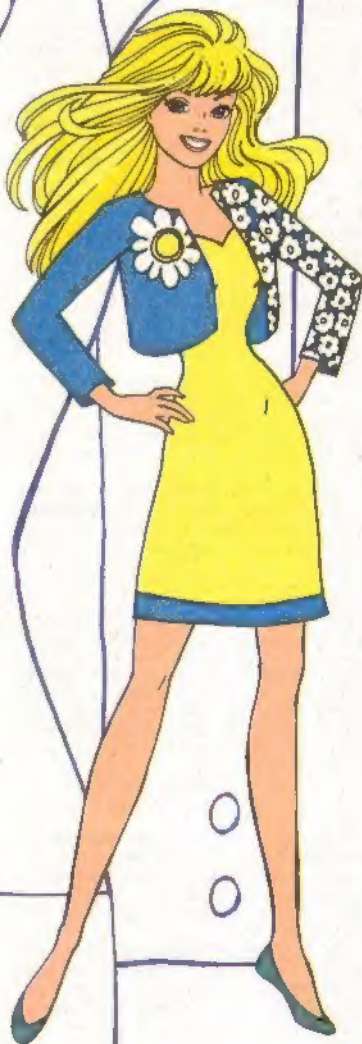
If you have a fashion for Barbie, for any occasion, be sure to send it to us here at BARBIE, c/o Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY, 10016. Don't forget to include your name, age and full address!



Mara Treloar, age 13
Virginia Beach, VA



Maegen Freithofer
LeRoy, IL



Christina Ozerov
San Antonio, TX

LETTERS TO



Barbie

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Write to: BARDIE Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016

Hey, kids — Since we print your name, age, city and state, please include them on your letters.

Dear BARDIE,

I love your comics. Every night I read a comic. My mom likes them because they are fun to read and educational.

I think Barbie is really pretty. I've been collecting comics since I was 3 years old. I can't wait to get the next issue of BARDIE comic!

Kristina Smith, age 9
Gales Ferry, CT

We can promise you a new, exciting Barbie adventure every month, Kristina! And, it will probably teach you something you didn't know before!

Dear BARDIE,

I'm your biggest fan! I love your comics! I'm 7 years old and I'm in the second grade. I have two BARDIE comics, and lots of Barbie dolls.

Were you scared when you said yes to jumping out of an airplane in the story, "Jump for Joy"?

Ashley J. Barker, age 7
Winterville, NC

Jumping out of an airplane would scare just about anyone, Ashley — including Barbie! But challenging yourself can be fun, and pushing forward even when you're scared shows courage!

Dear BARDIE,

I love your comic book. But I don't understand how you pick the designs that are featured on the fashion page every month. I'm a wildly creative, and very different, modern fashion designer and my fashions never get into the comic. I'm sure other readers who design fashions that are modern and different would like to see their fashions in the comic, too.

Carla Diane Murchison, age 12
Hamett County, NC

We really enjoy the fashions that the BARDIE readers send to us each month, but there is just no possible way to feature them all! We receive hundreds of fashion designs every month, and as you can see, there's only room to print a very few.

We do try to pick interesting fashions with a diverse sense of style, Carla. And we hope you understand why you haven't seen your fashion in BARDIE! We look at every one, so please continue sending us your fabulous designs!

Dear BARDIE,

I have nineteen BARDIE comics. I like the comic books because they show friendship. They also show some solutions to normal problems.

I wish I could see Barbie. Does Barbie like cats? I have a kitten named Cougar. Well, bye!

Amanda Wood, age 9 1/2

Rochester, MN

Forest Park, IL

Thanks for writing to us, Amanda, and letting us know just what you like about BARDIE comic! You can see Barbie every month — right in these pages! Barbie likes all animals, including cats. We bet your kitten is really cute!

Dear BARDIE,

I love BARDIE comic! I have quite a few Barbie dolls, and hope to get more for Christmas.

Let me tell you just how I got BARDIE comics. We sell magazine subscriptions every year at school, and my grandmother subscribed to BARDIE comics for me as a surprise! Don't you think that was nice, Barbie?

Your clothes and hair are fantastic! Where do you buy your clothes? Also, how do you keep in shape?

Elizabeth Pratt, age 6
Fort Worth, TX

That was very nice of your grandmother, Elizabeth! You're lucky to have a grandmother like that.

As for Barbie's hair and clothes, all the credit has to go to our terrific artists! They draw BARDIE comics every month and Barbie always looks great! Because Barbie is a doll, and not a real person (even though she can seem very real sometimes), she can be drawn very slim and stylish. It's important to remember that real people come in all shapes and sizes — and that makes our world a more interesting place!

Dear BARDIE,

I like to read your comics. My father reads Batman comics. I also like to draw clothes. When I grow up, I hope to be a fashion designer.

Ashley Parrotte, age 8
Plattsburgh, NY

Wow, Ashley! It's great that you and your dad can share a hobby. Sounds like BARDIE is the perfect comic for you!

Dear BARDIE,

Hi! My name is Anya Morine, and I am 12-years-old. I really like your comic books and I think that they are a good influence on young kids, unlike other comic books and T.V. shows. Thanks for making such a great comic book!

Anya Morine, age 12
Fairbanks, AK

You're very welcome, Anya! It's easy when we have wonderful fans like you!

Dear BARDIE,

I am a very big fan of yours! I am 10 1/2-years-old. Some people say I am too old for Barbies, but I still like them. I have lots of Barbies, and BARDIE comic!

Kelly Laesch, age 10 1/2

Hey, Kelly! You're never too old to love Barbie! Just check out the next letter!

Dear BARDIE,

I've been collecting Barbies since I was little, and when my husband told me there were BARDIE comics out there, I had him buy me some. They're great! I wish they had been around when I was growing up. When we have children, I'll definitely encourage them to read BARDIE. They can learn a few things, have positive values reinforced, and enjoy the cool stories, too!

I enjoy the stories that feature Skipper the most. It would be great if you gave Skipper her own special, or even her own series! You could call it SKIPPER RULES! Well, like, I think it's a killer idea anyway.

K.C. Schadel, age 24
Cincinnati, OH

Thanks for writing, K.C. We love hearing from fans who loved Barbie as a kid and still do today! She really has that staying power, especially because people like you will pass their love for Barbie on to the next generation!



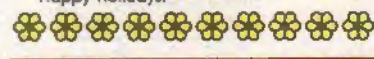
BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

We will all be celebrating the holidays this month — but some lucky BARDIE readers will celebrate their birthdays, too!

- 12/5, Sara Matyas, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 8
- 12/6, Ashley Johnson, Hamtramck, MI, 12
- 12/6, Amanda Morris, Jenks, OK, 7
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- 12/12, Kelsey Cutenage, Las Vegas, NV, 10
- 12/12, Michelle L. Stock, Buffalo, NY, 11
- 12/14, Ashley Brendel, Adairville, GA, 11
- 12/17, Jenni Garza, Hempstead, NY, 13
- 12/23, Megan Schief-Lagvin, Hartsdale, NY, 8
- 12/27, Megan Morris, Seagoville, TX, 12
- 12/28, Tokini Peterside, Nigeria, 8
- 12/29, Laura Kane, Long Island, NY, 11
- 12/30, Jared Smith, Macinaw, IL, 7
- 12/31, Christina Eason, Pinetops, NC, 10
- 12/31, Emerald Goins, Rossville, GA, 3

A very happy birthday to these, and all the BARDIE readers celebrating their birthdays this month! If you'd like to see your birthday here, send your name, age, address, and birthday to the address at the top of this page. Send it to us or least six months ahead of time!

Happy holidays!



We posted the winning entry in BARDIE #60 was Bob Downs, had not named Tangleth. Sorry for the boo-boo, guys!



Pull it.

Peel it.

Play with it.

Eat it up.

Twizzlers Pull-n-Peel.
Chewy delicious cherry-flavored candy.

So there I was first time
on the highest of high dives,
my friends hangin' out down below.
Boy was I Nervous.



I mean I didn't want to end
up being pool-side pizza.

Then
Cap'n Crunch shows up
with my favorite cereal,
Cap'n Crunch's
Peanut Butter
Crunch.®



That in your face
peanut butter taste
and the Cap'n gave
me all the confidence
I needed.

No fear here!
I did a total freefall.
My friends go wild. Cool!



You and the Cap'n make it happen!

